

# Projectile Impact Evaluation on Ballistic Gelatin

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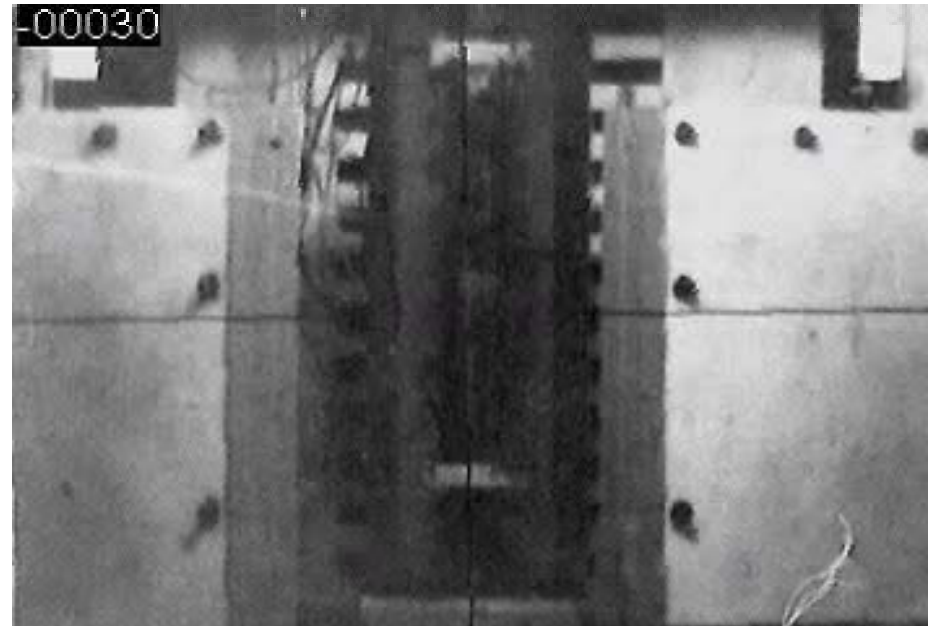
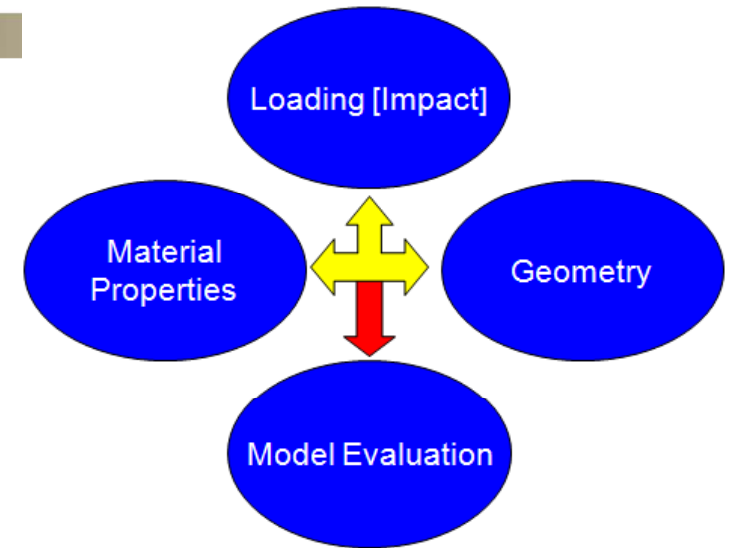
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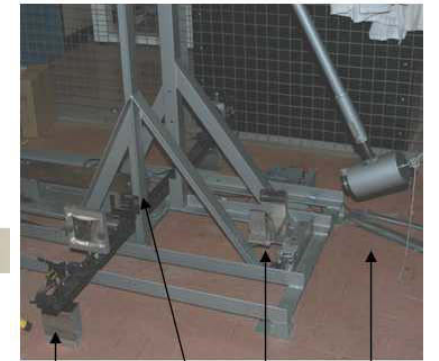
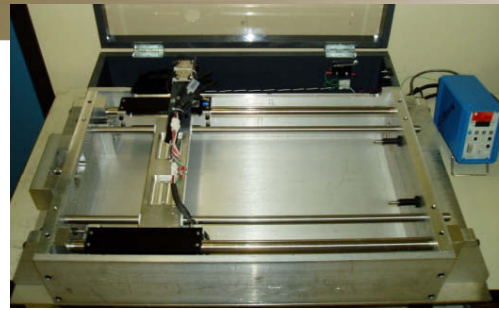
- Ballistic gelatin widely used as a tissue simulant (10% and 20%)
- Examples
  - Penetrating trauma (ballistic)
  - Tissue response to blast (lower extremity, torso)
  - Blunt trauma



# Mechanical Testing

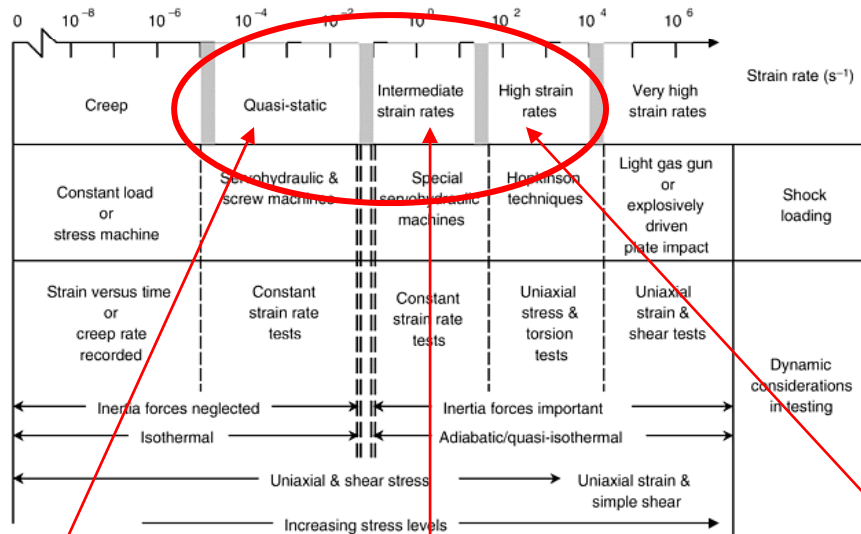


(~0.01-10 1/s)



Laser displacement system  
Trigger  
Pendulum  
Load Cell

(~100-500 1/s)



(~300-3000 1/s)

Campbell, SEM 2007  
Ouellet, Exp Mech 2006  
Doman, Exp Mech 2006  
VanSligtenhorst, JoB 2006  
Ouellet, PASS 2004  
Motuz, SAV 2003  
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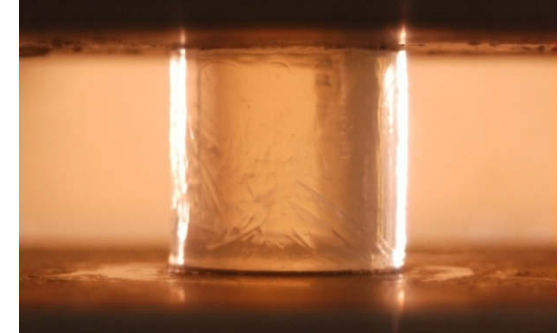
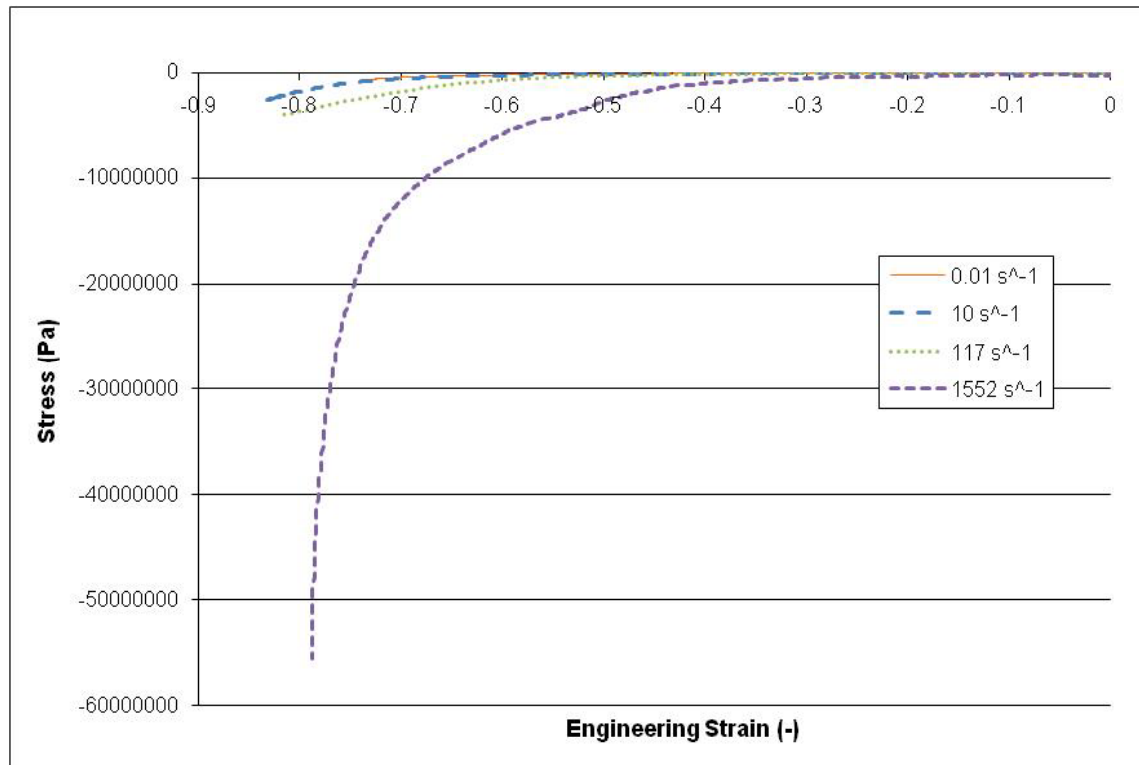
Servohydraulic

Pendulum Impact  
Drop Tower  
EM Test Frame

Polymeric Split Hopkinson  
Pressure Bar Apparatus

# Introduction / Background

- 10% / 4°C mechanical properties
  - similar to those of soft tissue [vanSligtenhorst 2004, Cronin, 2006]
- Hyperelastic model with rate effects [Kolling 2007]
  - Ogden formulation with linear bulk modulus

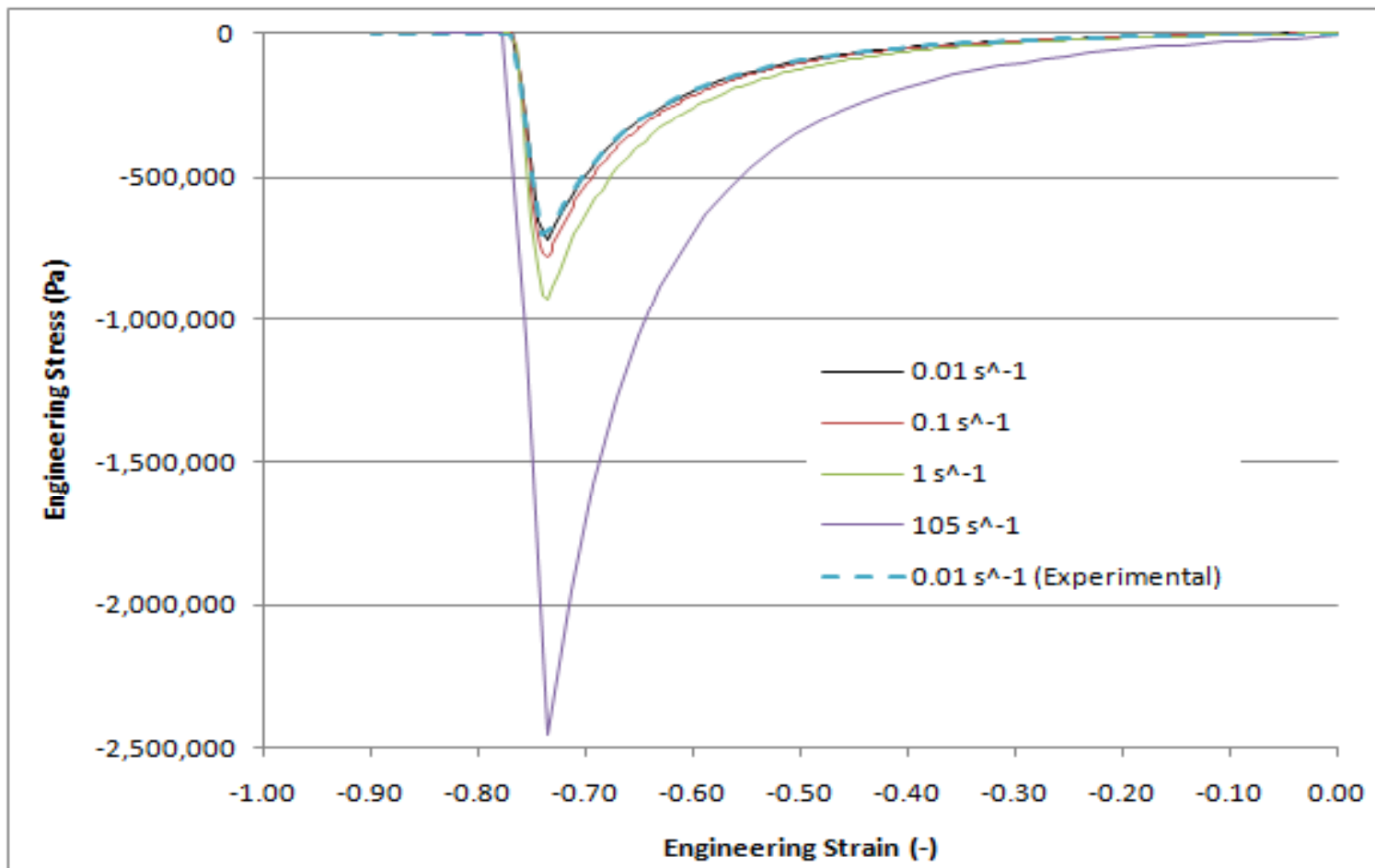


# Impact modeling

$$f(I_1) = (I_1 - 3)$$

- Damage model  
[DuBois, Kolling, LSTC]

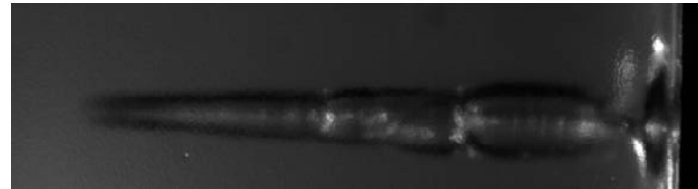
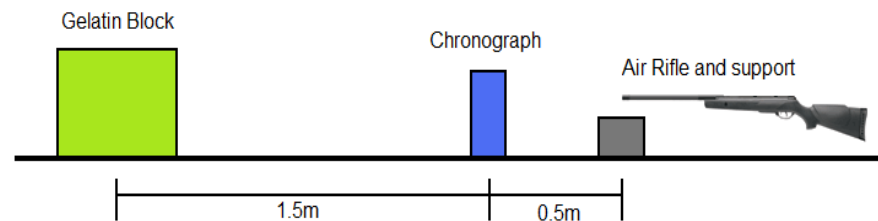
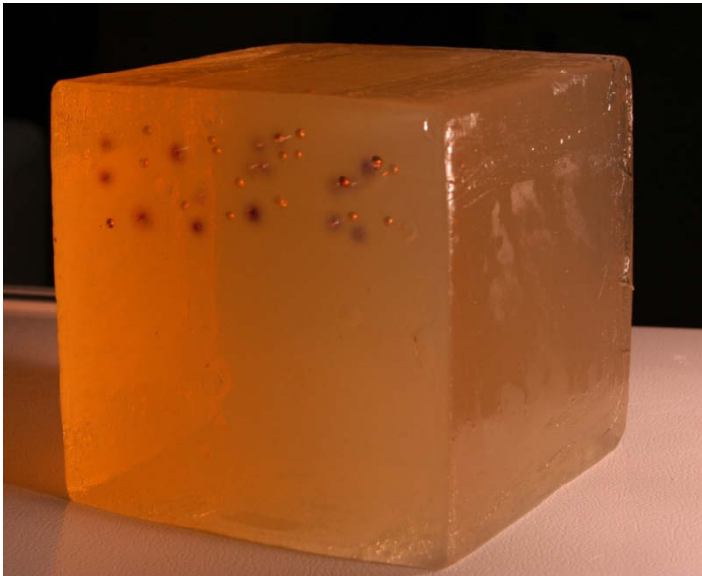
$$D = \begin{cases} 0.0 & f \leq (1-h)K \\ \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi(f-K)}{hK}\right) \right] & (1-h)K < f < K \\ 1.0 & f \geq K \end{cases}$$





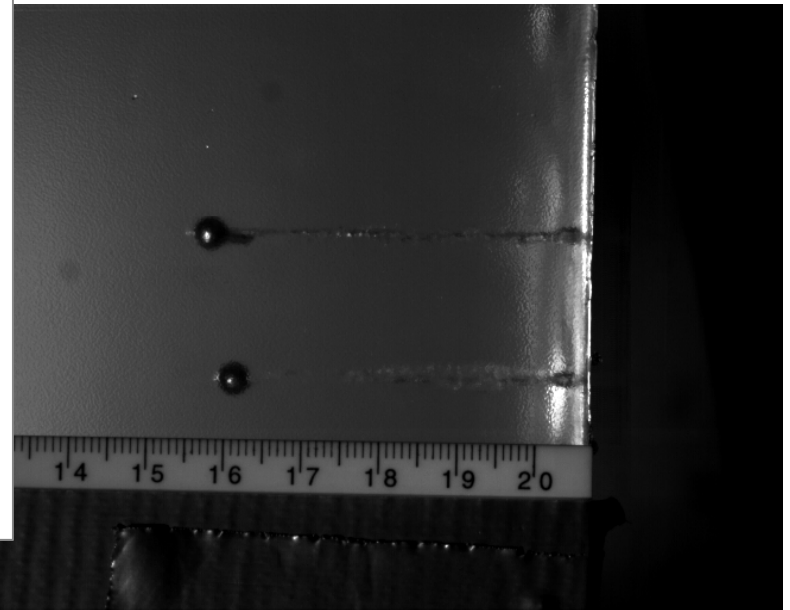
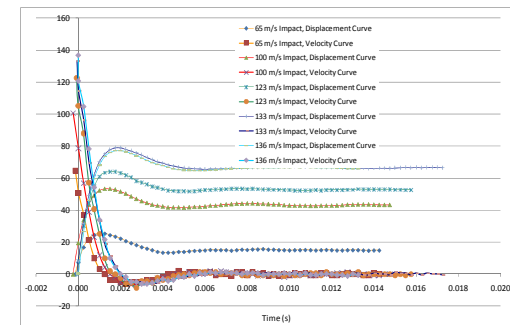
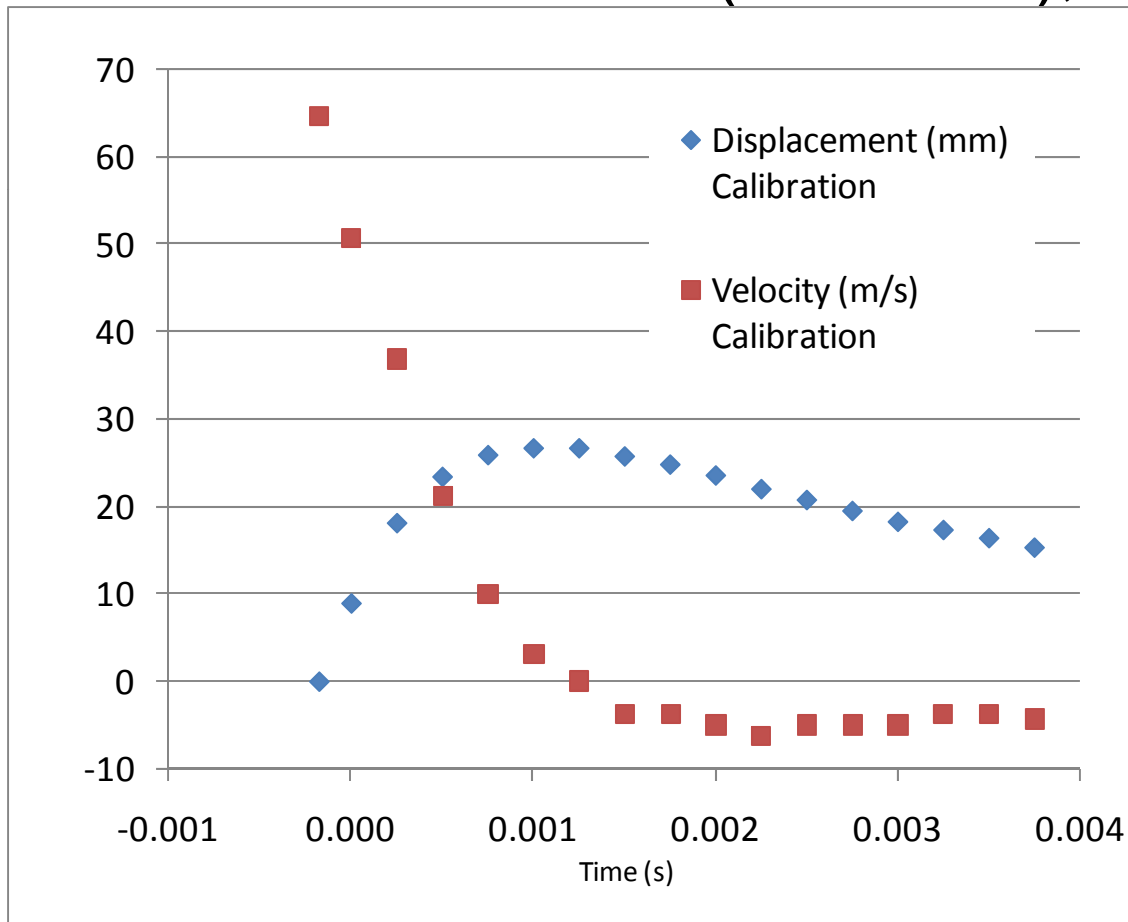
# Methods – Gelatin Calibration

- Calibration (10%/4°C)
  - Impact at various velocities using a 4.35 mm diameter (0.35 gram) BB on a 250mm x 200mm x 200mm block (Jussila 2004)



# Results – Gelatin Calibration

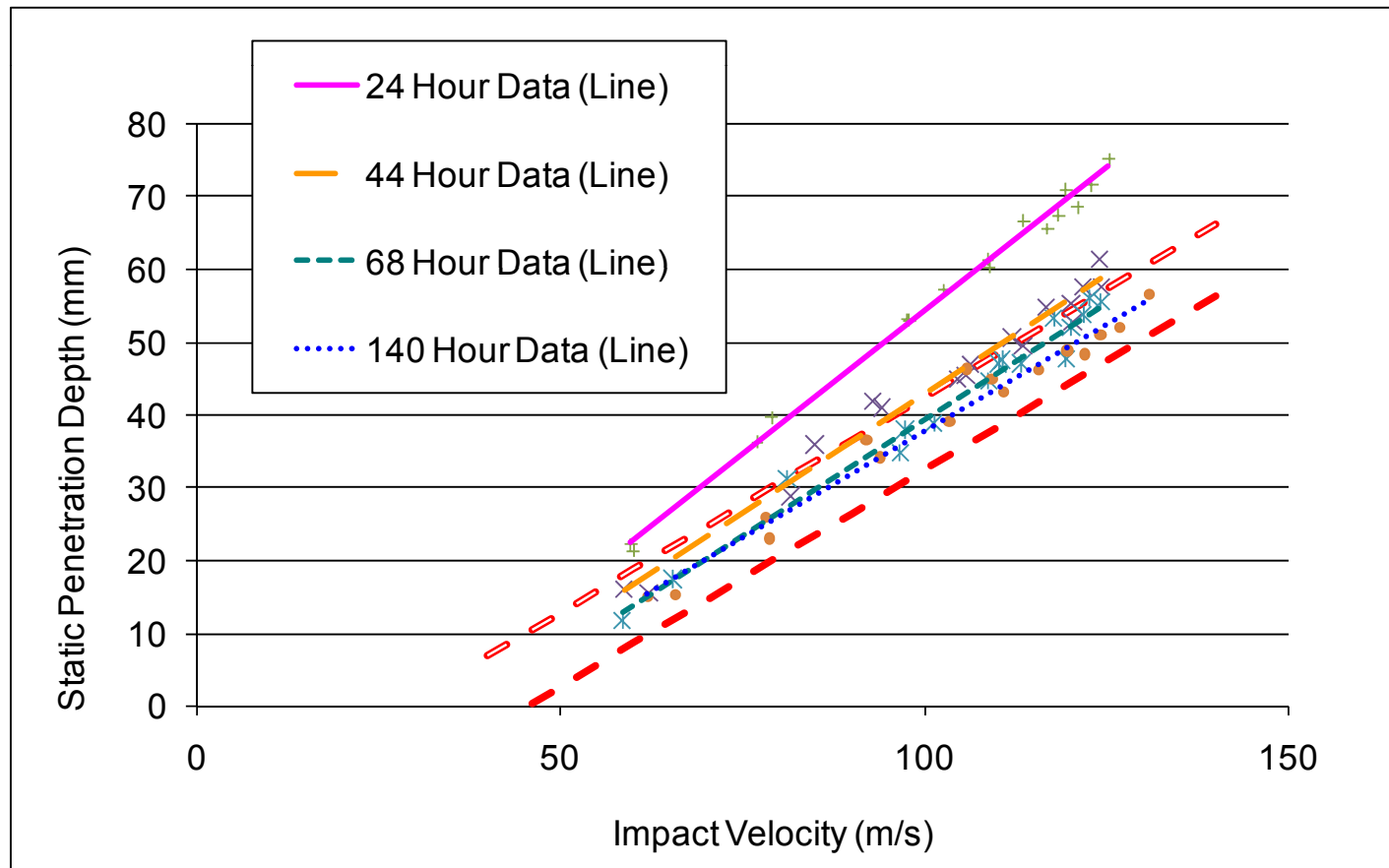
- Calibration test (10%/4°C), 65 m/s Impact





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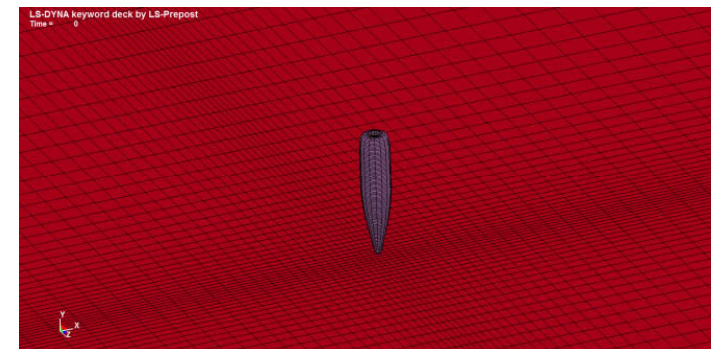
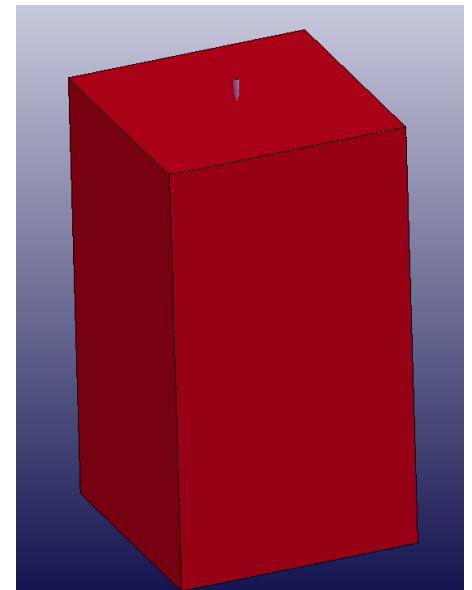
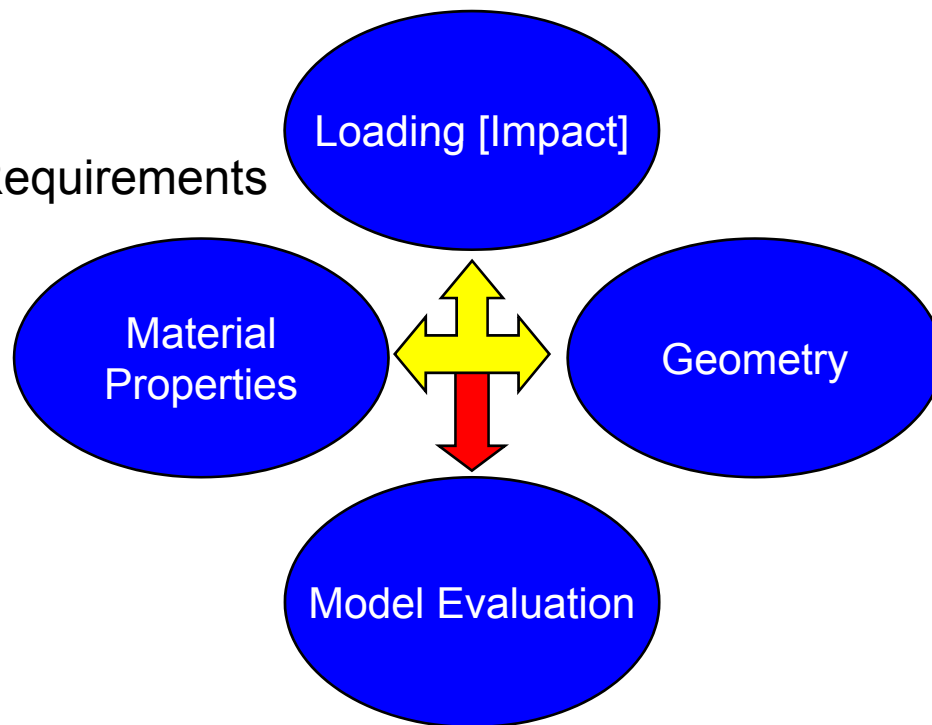
- Calibration tests at various impact velocities (10%/4°C)
  - Significant dependence on aging / conditioning time
  - Linear relationship ( $r^2 = 0.97$  to  $0.99$ )



# Impact modeling

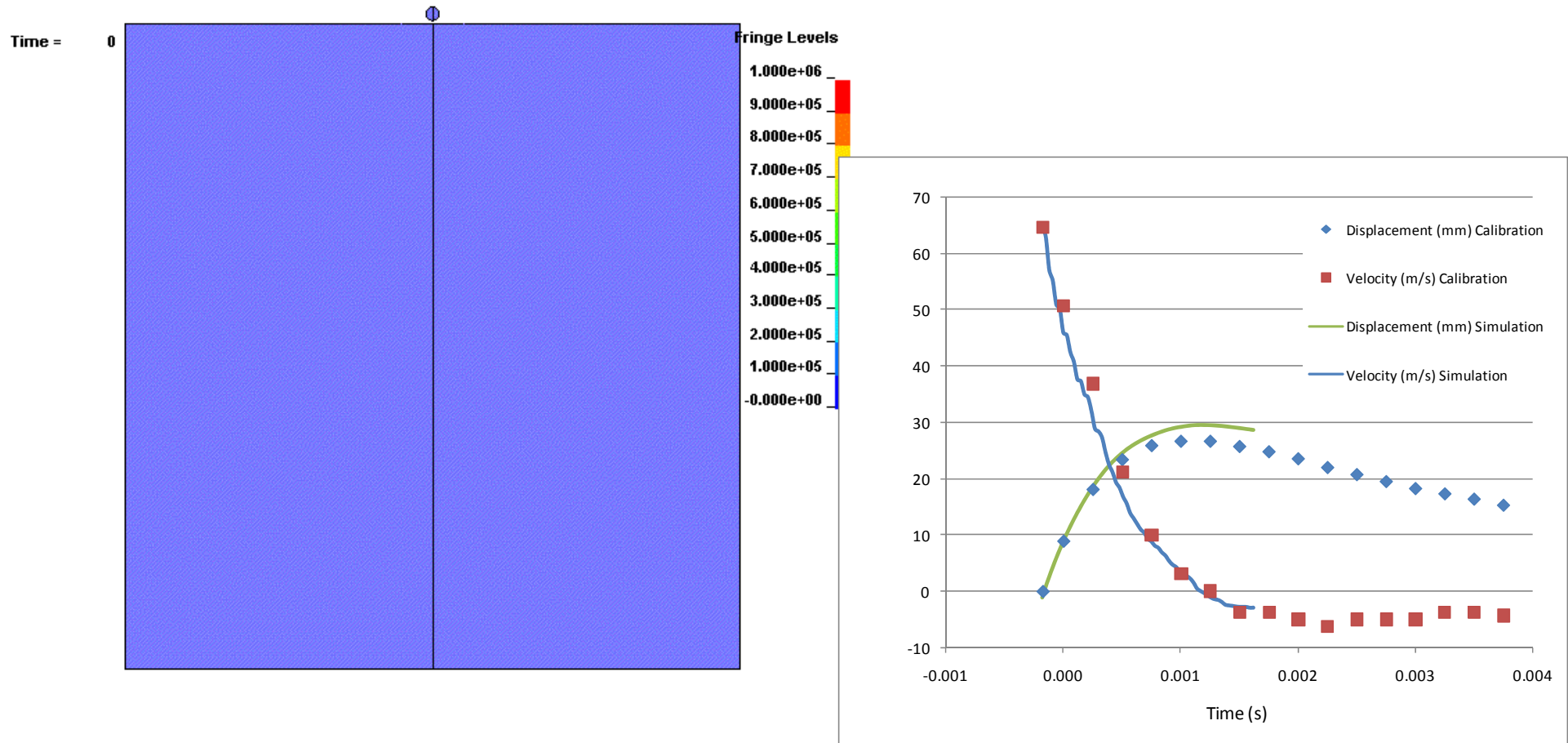
- Explicit FE (LS-Dyna v971) w/ LSOPT
- High strain rate material properties w/ damage/failure
- Lagrangian, ALE, EFG formulations

Model Requirements



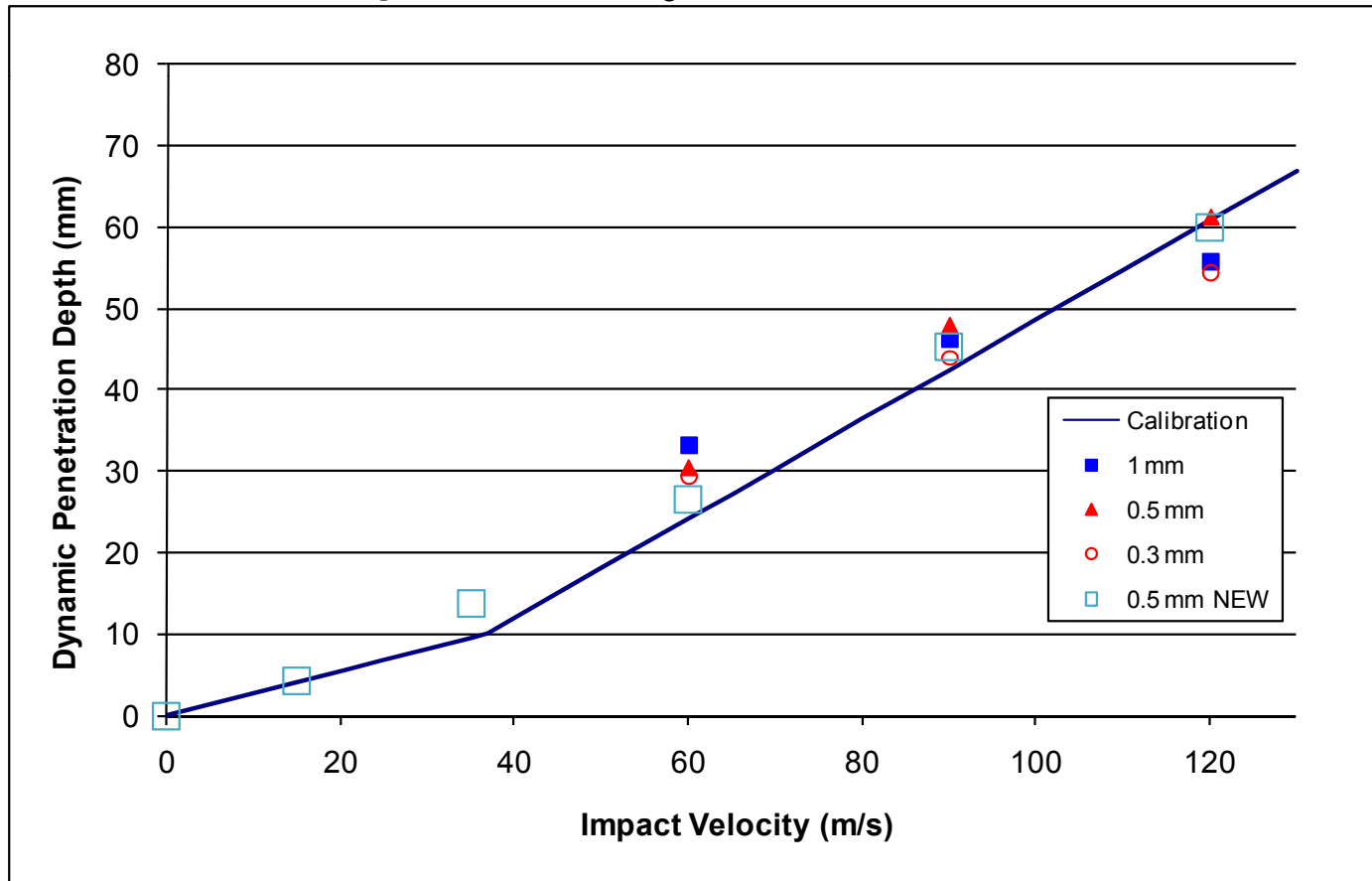
# Impact modeling – Phase 1

- BB impact model
  - 65 m/s BB impact on gelatin block (10%/4°C)



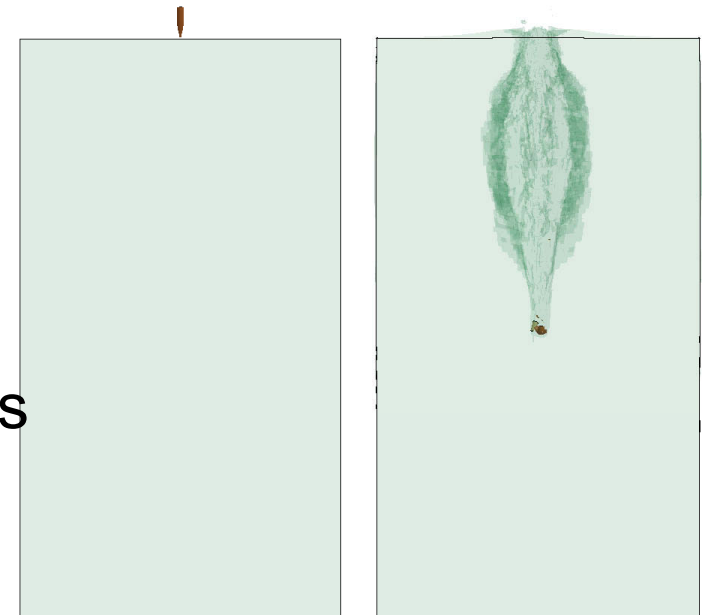
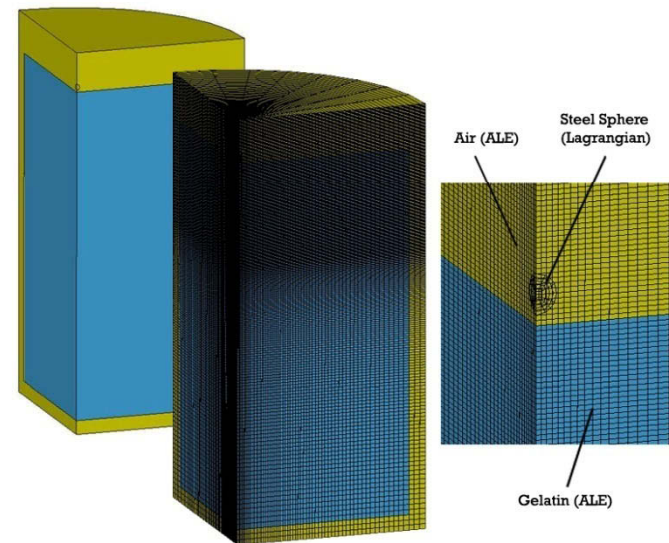
# Impact modeling

- Generally in good agreement with experiments
- Mesh size dependency



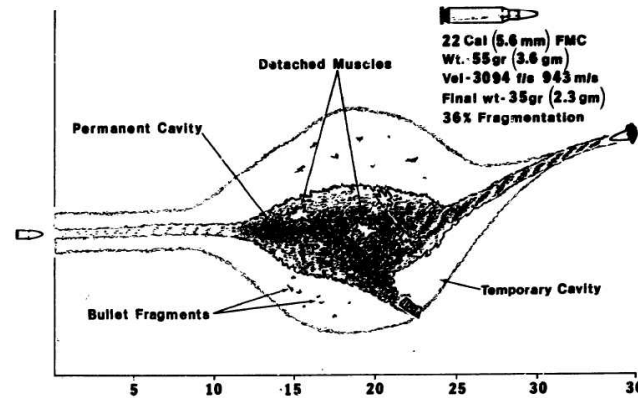
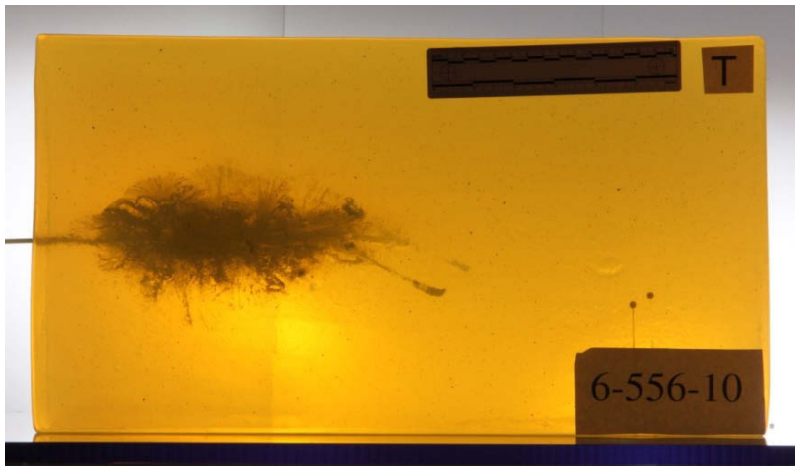
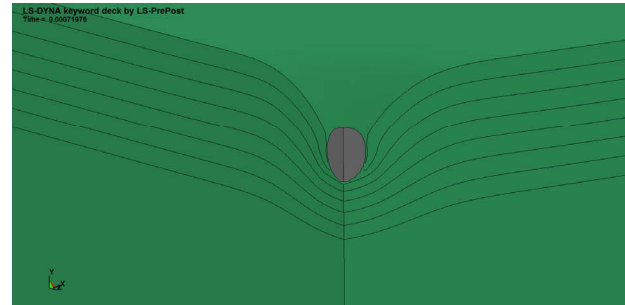
# Impact modeling – Phase 2, 3

- 3-D Lagrangian model
- 3-D ALE model
  - Large deformation
  - Material ‘self healing’
  - Limited material models
- 3-D EFG model
  - Large deformation
  - Significant compute requirements



# Impact modeling – Phase 3

- 3-D Lagrangian model
  - BB impact simulations
  - Projectile impact – experimental data

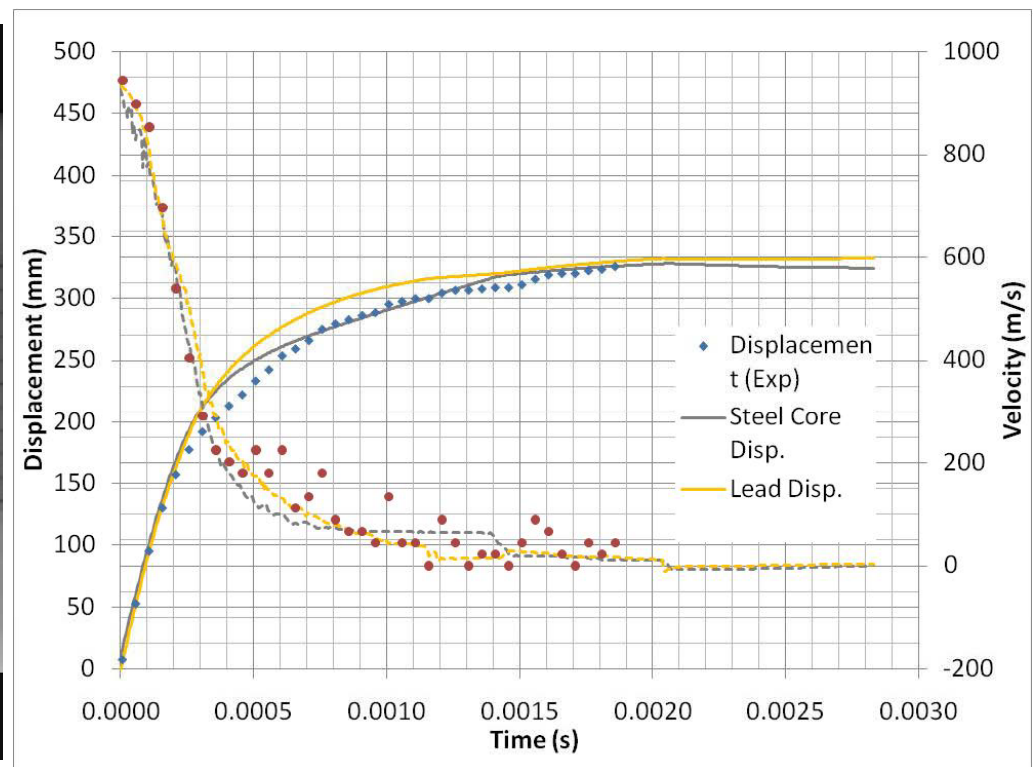
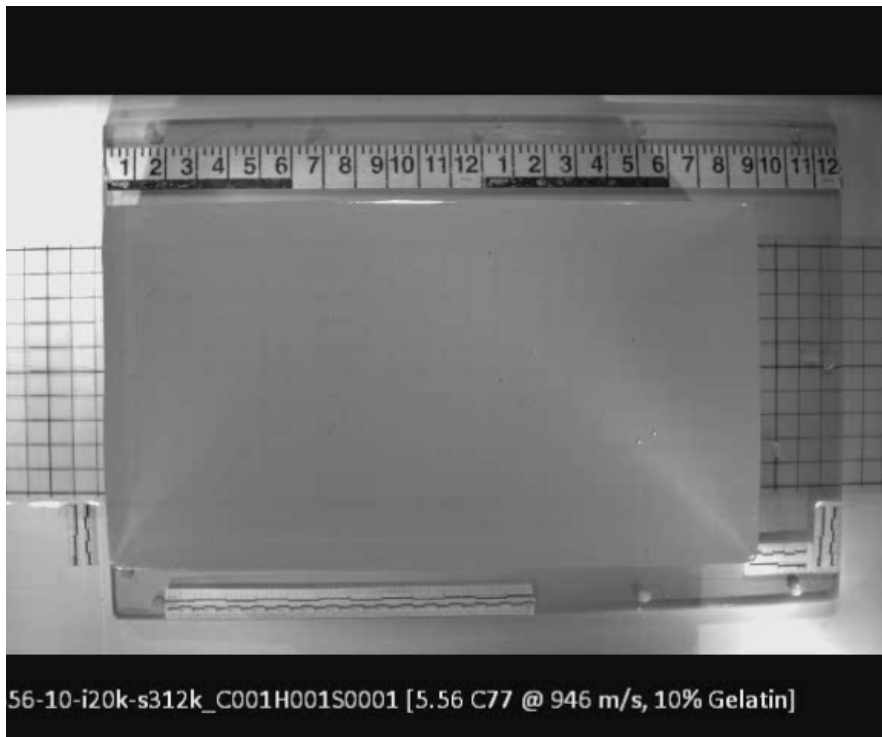
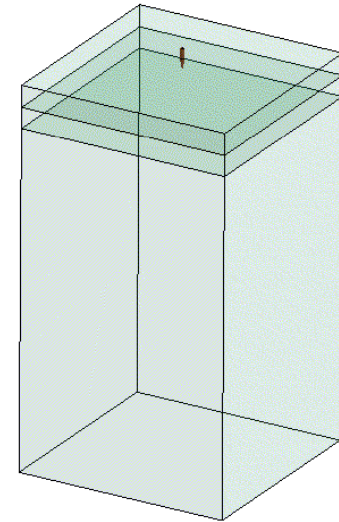




# Impact modeling – PI

- 3-D Lagrangian model
  - Projectile impact

Time = 0



# Conclusions

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- Mechanical characterization (10% / 4°C gelatin, 0.01 s<sup>-1</sup> up to ≈1500 s<sup>-1</sup>)
  - Integration in constitutive model with damage
- Modeling of calibration test impact (BB)
  - Threshold velocity important
- 3-D Projectile impact models
  - ALE
    - Limited by available material properties
  - EFG
    - Promising for large deformations, but computationally expensive
  - Lagrangian
    - Good agreement with experimental data
    - Computationally efficient